



HARTFORD-STREET-ZEN-CENTER

Dear Friend of Hartford Street Zen Center,

It is through our community's generous financial support, as well as offerings of time and energy, that we can continue to offer the Dharma in the form of daily zazen, talks, ceremonies, weekly study hours, and our annual Winter Light Retreat. We are also pleased to be able to provide space for Meditation in Recovery and sitting groups for people living with HIV. Strengthening and expanding our donor base is critical to the future of HSZC and its Sangha's efforts, so **we invite you today to make a financial contribution to support HSZC's programs.**

Hartford Street Zen Center members continue to develop a vibrant and responsive Sangha. Several months ago, we reinstituted our monthly Sangha Council meeting. This meeting gives us an opportunity to discuss important topics regarding the direction of the temple. At one of these meetings, Sangha members, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, decided to reach out to the LGBTQ community by creating Queer Space Meditation. Queer Space Meditation is a Tuesday evening meditation and safe space discussion period.

This format harkens back to HSZC's roots: before there was even the notion of a Hartford Street Zen Center there was a nondenominational group of gay and lesbian Buddhist practitioners who gathered weekly for mutual support at 57 Hartford Street. It was out of this group, with the guidance of Issan Dorsey, our founder, that HSZC arose. It thrills me to say that there has been a favorable response from the community toward the weekly Queer Space Meditation gathering. It shows that there is indeed an ongoing need for a safe practice space, perhaps especially now.

In the coming year and beyond, our Sangha looks forward to responding to the needs of the LGBTQ community, the larger Sangha, and the world, through Dharma practice. **But we cannot do this without your support. Please donate today. [Click HERE to make an online contribution.](#) Or [mail in your gift](#) to 57 Hartford Street, San Francisco, CA 94114.**

Warm regards,



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